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TAGS: MPOL SO MO
SUBJECT: MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER CONVEYS SOMALI ATTITU-
TUDE RE US NAVAL VISIT TO BERBERA

1. DURING BRIEF SEPTEMBER 6 DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER LARAKI ON ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN
CAIRO, CHAD SITUATION AND PLANS FOR WASHINGTON VISIT,
LARAKI MADE INTERESTING COMMENT ON SOMALIA WHICH HE
ASKED BE PASSED TO SECRETARY.

2. WHEN SOMALI JUSTICE MINISTER HUSSEIN SAW KING
HASSAN LAST JUNE 20 IN RABAT, LATTER REVIEWED HIS
CONCERN OVER SOVIET ENCROACHMENTS IN AFRICA, PARTI-
CULARLY IN THE HORN. IN COMMENTING ON THE SOVIET-
SOMALI RELATIONSHIP AND THE APPARENT READINESS OF THE
UNITED STATES TO CONSIDER ECONOMIC AID FOR SOMALIA,
KING TOLD HUSEIN THAT BY CONTINUING TO GIVE APPEARANCE
OF BEING IN SOVIET VEST POCKET, SOMALIA WAS NOT MAKING
IT VERY EASY FOR THE U.S. TO MOVE CLOSER TOWARDS
SOMALIA. HE THEN SUGGESTED THAT A USEFUL GESTURE ALONG
THIS LINE WOULD BE SOMALI WILLINGNESS TO APPROVE
ONE OR MORE U.S. NAVAL VISITS TO BERBERA, THE SYMBOL
OF SOVIET PRESENCE IN SOMALIA. HUSSEIN CARRIED THE
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SUGGESTION BACK TO MOGADISCIO. DURING HIS AUGUST
29-31 VISIT TO MOROCCO, SOMALI VICE PRESIDENT
ABO KAR INFORMED KING HASSAN THAT HIS GOVERNMENT
WOULD BE PREPARED TO APPROVE U.S. NAVAL VISIT TO
BERBERA.
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